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As you may know, on 3 July my Division hosted Ms. Marcia Smith from the Congressional Research Service, along with Mr. Rad Byerly and Ms. Janey Wright from the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The briefings were set up by [redacted]. We had a two hour and forty minute session covering Soviet manned space activities and Soviet weapons in space programs.

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I just wanted you to be aware of a concern I have that may have whetted the appetites of these three people. Toward the end of the session (after [redacted] had to leave for a dental appointment) the discussion ranged rather far afield of the planned agenda. We got off into areas of possible arms control agreements and our verification capabilities, and also the utility and viability of possible US systems under the Strategic Defense Initiative. As well, Ms. Wright wanted to get the name and phone number of one of the briefers and also copies of what we have written up on our monitoring capabilities for potential space arms control agreements. I quickly jumped in to point out that all such requests and contacts must come into your staff. But I want you to know that I feel somewhat on my own here without any policy guidance on how forthcoming we should be. I did express a cooperative intent with the visitors, while standing firm that requests for future briefings and written material must come in through appropriate channels.

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